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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/18/07

SPONSOR Begaye LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB 1243

SHORT TITLE Farmington Indian Center Cultural Activities SB \_\_\_\_\_

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### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$50.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 1243 appropriates \$50.0 for culturally relevant and education oriented activities and events at the Farmington Indian Center.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$50.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the General Fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY08 shall revert to the General Fund.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Farmington Indian Center is owned, operated and funded by the City of Farmington. Currently the budget of \$13.0 for the Farmington Indian Center only allows an average of one (1) major event per year. This appropriation will significantly increase the activities for this community by up to five additional events per month. The activities currently organized through this facility include: Keshjee' (Winter Shoe Game); Navajo Language Class; Art Class; Annual Indian Market and Festival (this largest program takes over 1/2 of the annual budget); honoring

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All Veterans" Gourd Dance; Fall Navajo Song and Dance; Spring Mini-Contest PowWow; and, Miss Indian Farmington Contest.

The Farmington Indian Center currently partners with the San Juan Partnership for Affordable Housing to assist local Indian families find housing and help them through the maze of paperwork often associated with obtaining the housing. The Center also partners with the local Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous organizations and provides a safe, comfortable meeting place for their weekly sessions.

**TECHNICAL ISSUES**

The appropriation allows for administration through the Local Government Division, Department of Finance and Administration; however the Department of Indian Affairs (DIA) is the agency in charge of legislative grants for all Native American areas. It is recommended that language on the bill be changed to appropriate the funds to DIA.

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